

## Commissioner's Weekly Wrap Up

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DCS Communications Office

**February 13, 2004**

### **This Week In Central Office**

Tuesday, February 10

Commissioner Miller attended the first annual Davidson Co. office chili cook-off!

This successful event encouraged all employees to show off their most delicious chili recipes while boosting office moral and promoting teamwork!

Cook-off judges were District Attorney Tory Johnson, NAACP President Sonnye Dixon, CSA Executive Director Audrey Corder, June Turner, and Dr. Viola Miller served as Honorary Chair.

*We challenge every regional office to consider creative ways to boost moral while promoting positive thinking and team building!*

### **The Week Ahead**

Yellow Brick Road Regional Retreat 2004

**February 18, 19 & 20** will prove to be three of our department's most exciting and productive days yet, as Commissioner Miller joins over 100 staff members from across the state for the 2004 Yellow Brick Road Regional Retreat!

This action-packed, three-day training retreat will focus on Tennessee's kids and families as we foster teamwork, the power of positive communications, and regional implementation of our new DCS *Path to Excellence* plan.

Attendees will include representatives of the following groups: regional administrators, case management staff from each DCS division, YDC and Group Home representatives, the Technical Assistance Committee (TAC), CSA executive directors and staff, foster and adoptive parents, and continuum providers.

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*Look for a retreat summary in next week's wrap up!*

## Team Excellence Challenge Update!

- Don't forget: *Team Excellence Challenge* Phase I applications are due **Tuesday, February 17 at 2:00 p.m. CDT.**
- Please remember to specify the position for which you are applying!
- Copies of all *Team Excellence Challenge* documents can now be found on the Intranet homepage.



## Communications Update!

- ① Do you have a favorite motivational or leadership quote? If so, please email your quote to [Sarah.beth.davis@state.tn.us](mailto:Sarah.beth.davis@state.tn.us) and type "Motivational Quote" in the subject line. Thanks!
- ✓ The Commissioner's Weekly Wrap Up and archives are now available on the intranet!
- ✓ If you are interested in employment opportunities within DCS, please visit our newly created DCS employment page, which is located on the intranet. If you have job opportunities you would like posted to this site, please email your information to the DCS Web Development Team.

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